

HA-1345

Between 1885 & 1900

Williams House  
*138* ~~238~~ Baltimore Pike  
Bel Air  
Private

This house is in a row of four all built around 1890. It distinguishes itself from its neighbors by being a smaller version of Bel Air's favorite house: the front gable house. This one is two bays wide, rather than three, and does not have the ell or back building the others do but proceeds directly to the kitchen addition. This house does prove the versatility of the style.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

138-238 Baltimore Pike

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER rental**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Henry Williams

Telephone #: 838-5368

STREET &amp; NUMBER

238 Baltimore Pike

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 305

Folio #: 287

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This small two story asphalt shingle with an ornamental gable in front (south) is at 238 Baltimore Pike in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The ridge of its gable roof runs east and west. A round arched 1/1 double-hung sash window occupies the ornamental gable in the front (south) elevation. Originally the rest of the windows in front were the long 2/2. The one in the west bay of the first story (next to the door) still is. The two in the second story are new aluminum framed 1/1. The windows in the single bay side elevations (west and east) are 6/6. All are in plain surrounds painted green. The shingle is white. The front porch (south elevation) is carried on square posts with Tuscan capitals. There is a plain balustrade. A single bay, single story shed addition is in back (north). The windows are a pair of six pane casements. A shed porch with a lower roof line is behind that.

Parallel to the west elevation, front (south), is a flight of cement steps to the basement, guarded by a pipe balustrade.

This simple single pile with a shed kitchen is built in the same style as the more elegant houses on the east end of Broadway, but those middle class houses are double pile.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Between 1885 & 1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This little house was built on the corner of Hays and the Baltimore Pike in the Hays Addition on the west end of lots #19, 20, and 21 probably around 1885. Charles Dallam purchased those lots in that year from Will and George Hays. The next year the whole addition became the property of the Bel Air Land Company. This house and the next two east were probably built around the same time and probably soon after the purchase of the land. Although single piles, all three resemble the larger houses built on Broadway between 1875 and 1885. This house was owned by Alice R. Johnson (or Jackson) in 1920. It and the lot were assessed at \$570.

This is a good example of a low to moderate income house in Bel Air in the latter part of the 19th century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1236 in the Town of Bel Air  
50' x 150'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

28 June 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1345

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: Private residence, rental

ORIGINAL USE: Private residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good (x)  
Fair ( ) Poor: ( )

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT:

Between 1885 and 1900

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION:

~~238~~ 138 Baltimore Pike

COMMON NAME:  
House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private residence

OWNER: Henry Williams

ADDRESS: 238 Baltimore Pike  
Bel Air, Maryland

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (x)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (x) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone(x) Brick( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam( ) Balloon( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick( ) Stone( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( )
  - C. Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard( ) Board and Batten( ) Wood Shingle( ) Shiplap( )  
Novelty( ) Stucco( ) Sheet Metal( ) Aluminum( ) Asphalt Shingle(x)  
Brick Veneer( ) Stone Veneer( )  
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood( ) Iron( ) Steel( ) Concrete( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate( ) Wood Shingle( ) Asphalt Shingle(x) Sheet Metal( )  
Built Up( ) Rolled( ) Tile( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches(x) Towers( ) Cupolas( ) Dormers( ) Chimneys(x) Sheds(x) Ells( )  
Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable(x) Hip( ) Shed( ) Flat( ) Mansard( ) Gambrel( ) Jerkinhead( )  
Saw Tooth( ) With Monitor( ) With Bellcast( ) With Parapet( ) With False Front( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2½

Number of Bays: 2

Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 35'

Entrance Location: Baltimore Pike

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat( ) Zoning( ) Roads( )  
Development(✓) Deterioration( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive( ) Negative( )  
Mixed( ) Other:

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

ridge W to E with gable in front round arched 1/1 in it  
door E, window (2/2) W. 2nd story front 1/1 aluminum 6/6  
6/6 on side bay shed & porch to back 2 6 pane casement in shed  
Porch square tuscan posts with plain balustrade  
plain window surrounds painted green  
W elevation cement steps to basement with pipe balustrade

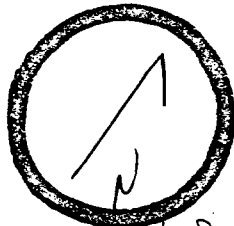
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

late 19th century workingman's housing  
built in Hays Addition on parts of lots #19, 20, and 21  
purchased by Charles Dallam just before the  
Bel Air Land Company was formed

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( ) Woodland( ) Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( ) Densely Built Up( )  
Residential(✓) Commercial(✓)  
Agricultural( ) Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:  
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:  
27 June 1979

DATE RECORDED:







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House, 238 Balto. Pike, Bel Air  
W + S elev

M. Larew, 1979